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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC CHARTER PROPOSAL

1. PRIMIN ANDREOTTI AND DELEGATION OF OFFICIALS ARRIVED IN ROME AT 5:30 A. M. TODAY COMPLETING HIS TRIP TO THE US AND JAPAN. AT AIRPORT AMBASSADOR HAD BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH FONAFF SEC GEN GAJA ABOUT ATLANTIC CHARTER PROPOSAL STRESSING ITS MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN OUR RELATIONS. GAJA INDICATED THAT ITALIANS ARE SENSITIVE TO THE NEED FOR A PROMPT, POSITIVE AND PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER SPEECH. GAJA WHO WAS ON THE AIRCRAFT WITH ANDREOTTI WAS, WE BELIEVE, REFLECTING PRIMINISTER' S VIEWS.

2. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL SUBJECT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN MEDICI WHO HAS RECOVERED FROM THE ATTACK OF BRONCHITIS WHICH CAUSED HIM TO LEAVE PARTY IN THE US. MEDICI SAID THAT WHILE THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BRIEFLY BY THE EC DIRECTORS LAST WEEK IN BRUSSELS, NO FIRM POSITIONS HAD BEEN REVEALED.

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MEDICI SUGGESTED THAT THE FRENCH WILL BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE

ANY EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER SPEECH QUICKLY BECAUSE HE EXPECTS THE FRENCH TO PROPOSE THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU SHOULD ACT AS THE EUROPEAN SPOKESMAN WHEN HE MEETS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON.

3. MEDICI SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH ANDREOTTI VERY SOON (PERHAPS EVEN TODAY) UNION OF JAPAN IN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.

3. FRANKLY, ALL OF OUR FONOFF SOURCES STRESSED TO US THAT THE CHANCELLOR WOULD HAVE TO BE MOST CAREFUL IN WASHINGTON NOT TO GO TOO FAR IN FAVOR OF SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSALS IN DR. KISSINGER' S MESSAGE. THEY NOTED TO US THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE CARE TO HAVE ITS POSITIONS FULLY COORDINATED WITH THE EC NINE BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF. ONE CONTACT TOLD US THAT AT THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE FRG CAME UNDER CRITICISM FROM CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED DELEGATIONS BECAUSE OF BRANDT' S INTENTION TO RAISE ISSUES IN WASHINGTON WHICH WERE OF CONCERN TO THE NINE AND NOT TO THE FRG ALONE. THE FONOFF IS SENSITIVE TO THESE CRITICSM AND EXPECTS BRANDT THEREFORE TO BE CAUTIOUS IN HIS APPROACH TO CERTAIN DELICATE EC- RELATED MATTERS IN HIS TALKS IN THE US.

4. COMMENT. WHETHER THE CHANCELLOR ACCEPTS THE FONOFF BRIEF IS OF COURSE AN OPEN QUESTION, BUT WE EXPECT THAT MUCH OF WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED WILL MEET WITH HIS APPROVAL. HIS OWN PRELIMINARY REMARKS ON THE KISSINGER SPEECH (REFTEL) SEEM CLOSE TO THE THINKING REFLECTED IN THE FONOFF POSITION PAPER.
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